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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project (PALS #51276)

Six Rivers National Forest

Orleans and Ukonom Ranger Districts

As the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Merv George Jr. prepared a draft Decision Notice (DN) for the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project Final Environmental Assessment (EA) that presents the analysis and predicted environmental consequences of the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate how fire restores and maintains resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies to revitalize balanced human relationships with our dynamic landscape. The project would also reinstate the use of TEK fire integrated with emergent restorative fire practices at the landscape scale thereby: Reestablishing frequent fire cycles, behavior and patterns stimulating resilient, spatially heterogeneous forest and riparian habitats and self-sustaining populations of culturally important Karuk focal species and traditions. Establish and maintain resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies guided by cultural and contemporary knowledge through a truly collaborative process that effectuates the revitalization of continual human relationships with our dynamic landscape.

The project would establish up to 250,822 linear feet of Strategic Fire Control Features and implement up to 5,570 acres of landscape-scale integrated vegetative, fuels reduction and restorative prescribed burning alongside roads and interior forests, phased over 15 years. The project is located in Siskiyou County, California in T11N R6E Sec. 5 and 6; T12N R6E Sec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33; T14N R6E Sec. 34 and 35; and T13N R6E Sec. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32 and 33; Humboldt Baseline and Meridian.

The final EA and draft DN are available at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA, or online at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51276.

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during the designated scoping and/or comment periods. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in the Eureka Times-Standard. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the Reviewing Officer via mail: Regional Forester Randy Moore, USDA Forest Service, Attn: Somes Bar Project, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; faxed to (707) 562-9229; hand-delivered to 1323 Club Drive, in Vallejo, CA, during business hours (M-F 8am to 4pm); or emailed to objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us in common formats (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) with the Subject: Somes Bar Project.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

For additional information, contact Nolan Colegrove, Orleans/Ukonom District Ranger, at ncolegrove@fs.fed.us or (530) 627-32914, or Corrine Black, Six Rivers' Forest Supervisor's Office, at cblack@fs.fed.us or (707) 442-1721.

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